

Calvary Cemetery, Thomas Biddle Tomb
5239 West Florissant Avenue
St. Louis
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Location: Calvary Cemetery, St Louis City, Missouri

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

Bidole was a Philadelphia army officer who was killed in a duel with Congressman Spencer Pettis in 1831.

The tomb was designed by George I. Barnett. Inside are busts of Mr. and Mrs. Biddle by Alfred Waugh. First erected at Tenth and Biddle on the grounds of St. Ann's Foundling Association. The orphanage was later sold by the archbishop and the tomb moved ca. 1880.

Funds for the tomb were provided in will of Ann Biddle, wife, who died in 1846.

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the ~~MO-1800~~ records for MO-1800.